

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 51.572

a grade within the meaning of these standards but is provided as a designation to show that no grade has been applied to the lot.

COUNT

§ 51.564 Requirements as to count.

(a) The number of stalks of celery in the container may be specified by numerical count or in terms of dozens or half-dozens. Variations from the number specified shall be permitted as follows: *Provided*, That the average for the lot is not less than the number specified:

Specified number per package	Variations permitted in individual packages
24 stalks or less	1 stalk variation.
25 to 50 stalks, inclusive	3 stalk variation.
51 to 70 stalks, inclusive	4 stalk variation.
More than 70 stalks	5 stalk variation.

APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES

§ 51.565 Application of tolerances.

(a) The contents of individual packages in the lot, based on sample inspection, are subject to the following limitations: *Provided*, That the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified:

(1) For packages which contain 20 specimens or more and a tolerance of 10 percent or more is provided, individual packages in any lot may contain not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified. For packages which contain 20 specimens or more and a tolerance of less than 10 percent is provided, individual packages may contain not more than double the tolerance specified except that at least one defective and one off-size specimen may be permitted in any package; and,

(2) For packages which contain less than 20 specimens, individual packages in any lot may contain not more than double the tolerance specified, except that at least one defective and one off-size specimen may be permitted in any package: *Provided*, That for packages which contain 6 specimens or less, individual packages in any lot are not restricted as to the percentage of defects: *And provided further*, That not more than one specimen which is affected by decay or otherwise seriously damaged

and one off-size specimen may be permitted in any package.

DEFINITIONS

§ 51.566 Stalk.

Stalk means an individual plant.

§ 51.567 Similar varietal characteristics.

Similar varietal characteristics means that the stalks in any package have the same general appearance and character of growth.

§ 51.568 Well developed.

Well developed means that the branches are of good width and thickness in relation to the length of mid-ribs and type of celery and that the heart branches are of reasonable number, length and stockiness.

§ 51.569 Well formed.

Well formed means that the branches are fairly straight and not more than slightly curved or twisted.

§ 51.570 Clean.

Clean means that the stalk is practically free from dirt or other foreign material. Stalks shall be permitted to have a small amount of dirt on the inside of the branches or in the heart branches which cannot be removed by good commercial methods of washing.

§ 51.571 Well trimmed.

Well trimmed means that not more than 2 relatively thin, short or spindly, or coarse and fibrous outer branches remain; that the main root has been cut off so as not to extend more than 1½ inches below the point of attachment of the lowest outer branch; that secondary rootlets are not of such number or length as to materially affect the appearance of the stalk; and, that the appearance is not materially affected by the presence of discolored leaves or by excessive removal of leaves or portions of leaves.

§ 51.572 Compact.

Compact means that the branches on the stalk are fairly close together throughout most of their length.